

REMARKS

The informality objections have been overcome by claim amendment. Included within the proffered amendment is a formal re-numbering of the claims in accordance with the Examiner's instructions.

While a final rejection has been issued, it is respectfully asserted that this final rejection is improper.

Particularly, all of the pending claims, with the exception of pending claims 46 – 53, 55 and 56, were rejected under Houvener, either singular only or as a principal reference in combination with a secondary reference. Claims 46 – 53, 55 and 56 were rejected under the Belluci reference.

First, it must be realized that the present application properly claims the benefit of United States Patent application serial number 08/393,493 which matured into United States Patent Number 6,353,699 ("The '699 Patent) and which was filed on **February 24, 1995, about three months before the Houvener reference was filed.**

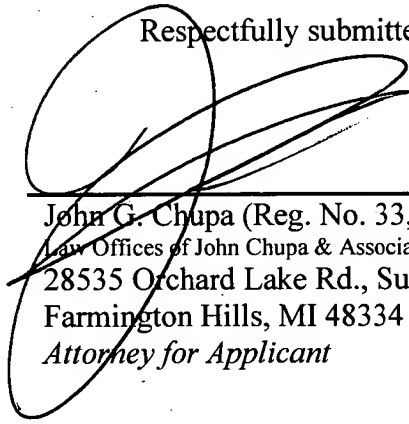
As Exhibit "A" shows, all of the pending claims are properly disclosed by The '699 Patent and hence the Houvener rejections are improper since Houvener is **not** prior art.

Secondly, the pending application also properly claims the benefit of United States Patent Application Serial Number 08/205,885 which was filed on March 03, 1994, within one year of the filing of the Belluci reference which was applied to claims 46 – 53, 55 and 56. Applicant should be given the right to file a "132 type affidavit" to overcome this Belluci reference and this rejection should not be final.

For all of the above reasons, all of the pending claims, with the exception of claims 46 – 43, 55 and 56 should be allowed. The claims 46 – 53, 55 and 56 should be allowed after Applicant submits a 132 affidavit.

If there are any further questions regarding this matter, please call the Applicant's undersigned Attorney at (248)-324-7787.

Respectfully submitted,



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